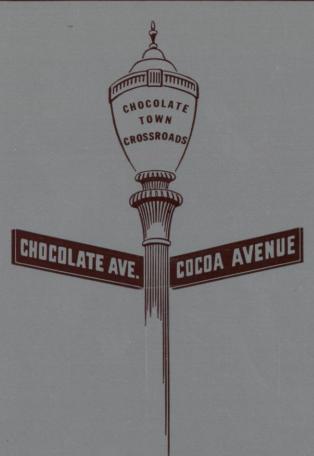
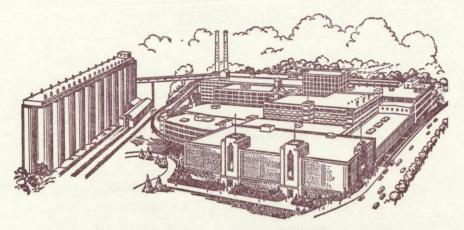
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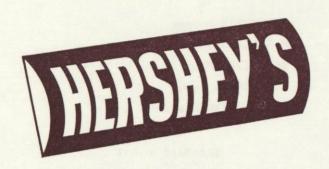
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Executive Offices and Manufacturing Plant Hershey, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.





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ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.
NEW YORK

To the Stockholders:

The year 1963 marks the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of our plant and the community of Hershey, Pennsylvania. As we review our progress made in 1962, it is gratifying to be able to repeat to you one of the remarks made in our 1961 report: "Sales reached an all-time high and are a testimony to the excellent degree of consumer acceptance which has been earned by our products."

In figures, our sales for 1962 were \$183,001,625 as compared with sales of \$177,253,045 in 1961. Net earnings in 1962 were \$22,006,551 compared with \$19,799,800 in 1961, or \$1.80 per share in 1962 as compared with \$1.64 per share in 1961. Dividends paid totaled 90 cents per share in 1962 and 80 cents in 1961, each involving an extra payment of 20 cents. These figures on a per share basis give effect to the stock split of five shares for one which took place on March 27, 1962.

The increase in sales in 1962 is a good indication that your Company has continued diligently to market its products in increasing volume and once again demonstrates the valuable asset of consumer favor which inverse to your benefit as a stockholder.

Our business depends upon many physical and economic factors, some of which are beyond our control. For example, the unseasonably hot weather in the spring of 1962 sharply retarded our sales during this period even though our gain for the year approached six million dollars. We have pointed out repeatedly in the past that the cost of our basic commodities, particularly cocoa beans, has an appreciable effect upon our earnings. As this letter is being written, the price of cocoa beans has advanced beyond the levels of a year ago. The national economy is expected to remain at a high level during 1963. Consequently, we look forward to a correspondingly satisfactory level of sales, although the many variables before us make it unrealistic to attempt to predict earnings for the year.

Our capital expenditures in 1962 totaled approximately \$7,500,000. This includes the building and equipping of our Canadian plant in Smiths Falls, Ontario, as well as the cost of our continuing program of improving and expanding plant facilities at Hershey. We have not yet broken ground for a branch plant in California, although our interest in this project has not abated. Final decisions will be forthcoming during this year.

Our first chocolate bars were packaged in Canada during December and our plant there is now completed. Operations will be carried on under the name of Hershey Chocolate of Canada Ltd. The executive and administrative staff, which is well and completely organized, is made up, with but few exceptions, of Canadian citizens. The men and women in this group, although relatively young, are mature, aggressive, and well suited by training and experience to establish your Company in the Dominion in the shortest possible time. For many years HERSHEY'S products have been sold in Canada and are reasonably well known, but, because of duties and other extra costs, have not been in a satisfactory competitive position. Initial sales of chocolate made in our Canadian plant are encouraging but we are aware that several years will be required to develop a substantial market and to reach a profitable level of operations.

For those of you who travel during the summer months, in Canada or in Central Pennsylvania, there will always be a warm welcome if you will take the time to visit us. There will be adequate reception facilities and tours for visitors at the plant in Smiths Falls, which will be formally dedicated in the spring or early summer. In Hershey our 1962 visitors reached the remarkable total of 362,000 and the highest number for a single day was 8,200, an influx which you can readily understand almost overwhelmed us.

While we have installed a considerable amount of heavy duty equipment in our Hershey plant and have taken important strides to streamline our operations, the most obvious new project here is the building of our research and development laboratories. Much will be expected of these modern facilities as they begin to function later in the year and continue in the future to evolve new ideas and products for your Company.

In our continuing development of new items we have introduced several which we feel may be of special interest to you. A new non-settling cocoa powder for chocolate milk drinks was developed to be used by dairies and commercial customers. Also introduced was a four-ounce bar of "Pennsylvania Dutch Sweet Chocolate" for cooking and baking. For the first time we wrapped our Kisses in red and green foil as a special Christmas item and the response in sales was most gratifying. We plan very shortly to introduce a new bar, "Butter Chip," a delicious combination of milk chocolate and small pieces of butter toffee with almonds. We invite you to assist in promoting these new items, as well as your Company's numerous products already on sale throughout the country.

John B. Sollenberger, a member of the Board of Directors, retired from the Board in July 1962. Richard L. Uhrich was elected to the Board on July 11, 1962. Mr. Uhrich has been with the Corporation for many years and has been Secretary since 1961. Harold S. Mohler was elected a Vice President on March 26, 1962. Mr. Mohler has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1960 and since 1957 had been Assistant to the President.

The five-for-one stock split recommended by the Board of Directors received stockholder approval at last year's annual meeting and became effective the next day, March 27. The purpose of the stock split was to achieve a per share price suited to a wider group of investors, with the objective of broader distribution. You will be interested to know that at the end of 1962 there were 15,973 stockholders compared with 10,709 just prior to the split or a 49% increase in approximately nine months.

It is my pleasure to report further that the Company recently received its eighth award for over one million consecutive man-hours worked without a lost-time accident.

The morale of our officers and employees continues at an all-time high and the helpful cooperation of these devoted and loyal people has made possible the operational results which have just been reported to you. I wish to use this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to them for their unstinted support.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman of the Board and President

February 22, 1963

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE

658,182

\$127,706,711

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

| Cash | | | \$ 8,448,060 | |
|---|------------|---------|---------------|--|
| Marketable securities, at cost | | | 14,180,580 | |
| Accounts receivable, less reserves of \$467,374 | | | 7,383,374 | |
| Inventories (Note 1) | | | 73,149,815 | |
| Total current assets | | | \$103,161,829 | |
| PLANT AND PROPERTY, at cost: | | | | |
| Land | \$ 2 | 267,469 | | |
| Buildings and improvements | 20,238,874 | | | |
| Machinery and equipment | 28,0 | 50,320 | | |
| Construction in progress | 1,6 | 559,453 | | |
| | \$50,2 | 16,116 | | |
| Less-Reserves for depreciation | 26,3 | 329,416 | 23,886,700 | |

NOTES:

PREPAID ITEMS

- (1) Inventories of cocoa beans, almonds and peanuts together with such r stated at cost under the "last-in, first-out" method. The remaining
- (2) Under the Officers and Key Employees Stock Option Plan approved in 1 at December 31, 1962. Of these shares 34,850 were for outstand 5,000 shares), and 262,545 shares were for future options. Optio \$1,741,184 were credited to the common stock account.
- (3) The accounts of Hershey Chocolate of Canada Ltd., a wholly-owned su accompanying profit and loss statement.

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LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | \$ | 7,167,267 |
|--|--------------|----|------------|
| Reserve for state taxes | | | 981,350 |
| Reserve for Federal income tax | \$11,349,910 | | |
| Less — U. S. Government short-term | | | |
| securities | 4,958,292 | - | 6,391,618 |
| Total current liabilities | | \$ | 14,540,235 |

CAPITAL STOCK AND SURPLUS:

Common stock, without par value—
Authorized 15,000,000 shares (Note 2);
outstanding 12,198,860 shares \$ 6,616,528

rials and wage costs included in finished goods and goods in process, are ntories are stated at the lower of average cost or market.

there were 297,395 authorized but unissued shares of common stock reserved options (at \$16.80 per share for 29,850 shares and \$34.00 per share for 143,125 shares were exercised during the year, and the proceeds of

ary formed in 1961, are included in this consolidated balance sheet and the

HERSHEY CHOCOLATE CORPORATION

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND EARNED SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1962

PROFIT AND LOSS

| | \$183,001,625 |
|------------|---------------|
| | |
| | 135,985,074 |
| | \$ 47,016,551 |
| | |
| 23,270,000 | |
| 1,740,000 | 25,010,000 |
| nel er ein | \$ 22,006,551 |
| | day miles |

EARNED SURPLUS

| BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 1961 | \$ 95,495,229 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| ADD Net profit for the year 1962 | 22,006,551 |
| | \$117,501,780 |
| DEDUCT Dividends, \$.90 a share | 10,951,832 |
| BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 1962 | \$106,549,948 |
| | |

AUDITORS' OPINION

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Hershey Chocolate Corporation:

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of Hershey Chocolate Corporation (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiary as of December 31, 1962, and the related statements of consolidated profit and loss and earned surplus for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and statements of consolidated profit and loss and earned surplus present fairly the financial position of Hershey Chocolate Corporation and subsidiary as of December 31, 1962, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.

New York, N. Y., February 8, 1963.

HERSHEY CHOCOLATE CORPORATION

EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND MANUFACTURING PLANTS HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA SMITHS FALLS, ONTARIO

WAREHOUSES

Atlanta, Ga.

Billings, Mont.

Cambridge, Mass.

Chicago, III.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Dallas, Texas

Davenport, Iowa

Denver, Colo.

Detroit, Mich.

East St. Louis, III.

Houston, Texas

Jacksonville, Fla.

Kansas City, Mo.

Little Rock, Ark.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Memphis, Tenn.

Milwaukee, Wis.

New Orleans, La.

North Bergen, N. J.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Omaha, Neb.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Portland, Ore.

St. Paul, Minn.

Salt Lake City, Utah

San Francisco, Cal.

Seattle, Wash.

SALES OFFICES

In principal cities of the United States and Canada.

HERSHEY'S PRODUCTS

FOR THE CONSUMER

MILK CHOCOLATE BARS MILK CHOCOLATE KISSES

ALMOND BARS

SEMI-SWEET BARS

KRACKEL BARS

MR. GOODBAR

BUTTER CHIP BARS

HERSHEY-ETS

MINT CHOCOLATE

BAKING CHOCOLATE

DAINTIES

COCOA

CHOCOLATE SYRUP

INSTANT COCOA MIX

MINIATURE BARS HOT CHOCOLATE POWDER

CHOCOLATE FUDGE TOPPING

SWEET MILK COCOA

CHOCOLATE COVERED ALMONDS

FOR INDUSTRIAL USERS

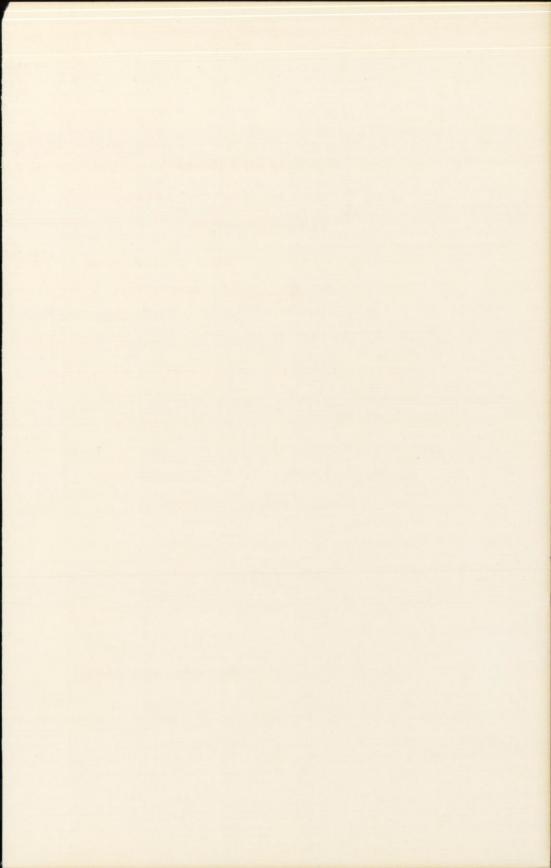
(Confectionery, Baking, Ice Cream, and other Industries)

CHOCOLATE COATINGS

COCOA POWDER

UNSWEETENED CHOCOLATE CHOCOLATE SYRUP

COCOA BUTTER CHOCOLATE FUDGE



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